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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Darrell T. McKenzie :  
Serial No.: 09/965,806 : Group Art Unit: 1723  
Filed: October 1, 2001 : Examiner: Terry C. Cecil  
For: COMBINATION FILTER ELEMENT SUPPORT AND ANTI-PREFILL VALVE

**REPLY**

Mail Stop: Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on January 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Formal drawings** are provided at the end of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.